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SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is it a fact that the South Kanara District Board is entitled to a grant of Rs. 2,31,242 towards the payment of Dearness Allowance to the staff during the years 1952–53, 1953–54 and 1954–55 and, if so, why was not that grant given?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" We have paid Rs. 50,000 as an advance against the grant."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I request that this question may be taken up to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes."

Opening of rural dispensaries in South Arcot.

* 1098 *Q.*—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the South Arcot District Board submitted to Government in 1953, a list of places in the district where rural dispensaries might be opened; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The South Arcot District Board and other local bodies were informed that they should see that the provision of every existing subsidised rural dispensary which was kept closed for three months was diverted for opening a rural dispensary in some other suitable place before applying to Government for fresh Government subsides for Rural Medical Practitioners and maternity assistants. In 1954, the Special Officer, the District Board, South Arcot, reported that there was no subsidised rural dispensary remaining closed for three months under the District Board and forwarded proposals for new Government subsidies for Rural Medical Practitioners and maternity assistant. These proposals are under consideration."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over. The hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup has given notice of a motion under rule 40 of the Assembly Rules." 9-30 a.m.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 OF THE MADRAS ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OF PRODUCERS'-*CUM*-CONSUMERS' SOCIETIES IN MALABAR.

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar are facing a crisis after decontrol and the Government have been taking steps to reorganize them. A question answered on the floor of the House to-day showed that before the Government Co-operative